

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 149

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to congratulate James and Colleen Weatherford on the celebration of their 71st wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 1942, James and Colleen were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Weatherford have been highly respected citizens of their community for over seventy-one years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weatherford served with acumen and alacrity as a Chief Engineer with a boating company, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Weatherford devoted her time to raising their children and keeping the family unit strong; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced six children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Weatherfords children are Steve, Donna, David, Chris, Beverly, and Danny; and

WHEREAS, the couple's children truly admire their parents for their commitment to each other, for the love that they share for their family, and for their strong character; the Weatherfords are described as dependable and hard working; they are also credited for instilling in their children a sense of self-motivation and determination; and

WHEREAS, the Weatherfords are also the proud grandparents of twelve grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the couple attributes their longevity to more than just lasting love, but a strong sense of commitment; they are committed to each other and to their growing family; and

WHEREAS, they believe that family is a support group that creates joy and sense of belonging; and

WHEREAS, the Weatherfords have evolved over the years; hair has grayed and skin has wrinkled but the love that ninety-two-year-old James and eighty-six-year-old Colleen share for each other has never waned; and

WHEREAS, for seventy-one years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Weatherfords' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate James and Colleen Weatherford on the celebration of their 71st wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.